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In re the application of:) Group Art Unit:
Kazunari DOMEN, et al)
Serial No. 10/533,567✓) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: May 3, 2005)

For: **NOVEL SOLID ACID CATALYST**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Respectfully submitted,

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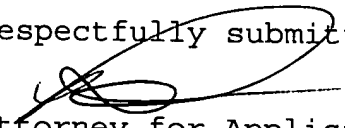
Applicants note that the Yoshida, Takagaki and Ishihara documents listed are cited in the specification of the herewith filed application and their relevance is readily apparent.

Applicants further note that the Yoshida, Hara and Takagaki documents were cited in the international search report in the International Application PCT/JP03/07614 of which the

present application is the U.S. nationalization under 35 USC 371.

Applicants are not aware at this time of any other prior art which could be considered to be relevant to the present application.

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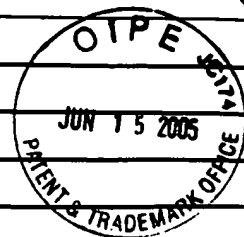
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